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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of prior application No. 09/862,976 filed on May 22, 2001, entitled "METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR BINDING LOOSE SHEETS"

Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

[ ] Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

[ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

[X] A response is enclosed. (9 p.)

[ ] Declaration enclosed.

[ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed ().
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[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (*Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is required.*)

[X] The term for response or taking action in the prior application expires on January 22, 2003.

[X] A three month Extension of Time up to and including January 22, 2003, to respond to the PTO communication is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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FEE CALCULATION:

[X] The fee for an extension of time to respond (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1)-(5)) is calculated as shown below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for small entity	Other Than A Small Entity Rate Fee
[ ]	one month	$55.00	$110.00
[ ]	two months	$205.00	$410.00
[X]	three months	$465.00	$930.00
[ ]	four months	$725.00	$1,450.00
[ ]	five months	$985.00	$1,970.00
[X]	Less $55.00 fee for one-month extension requested November 22, 2002	($55.00)	

[ ] The claim amendment fee is calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. Paid for (Col. 2)		Present extra (Col. 3)	Small Entity Rate Fee	or	Other Than A Small Entity Rate Fee
Total	6	Minus 20	=	0	x 9 = $0	or	x 18 = $0
Ind.	2	Minus 3	=	0	x 42 = $0	or	x 84 = $0
( ) First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ 140 = $0	or	+280 = $0
					Total Claim Amendment Fee:		$0

* *If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.*
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FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE:

[X]	Extension of time fee (from above)	$410.00
[ ]	Claim amendment fee (from above)	$0.00
[X]	RCE filing fee –small entity: $375.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))	$375.00
[ ]	RCE filing fee –other than small entity: $750.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	$0.00
[X]	Suspension of action fee: $130.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i))	$0.00
	TOTAL FEE DUE:	$785.00

[X] A check in the amount of $785.00 is enclosed.

[] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge $0.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the submission of this communication, including any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, or 1.21(h), and to credit any over payments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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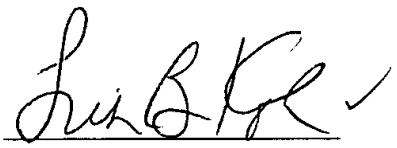
By: 

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